

District 25 News

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Aloha Neighbors!

Although summer's gone and school is back in session, this issue of *District 25 News* captures some of the fun & memories made at Rediscover Makiki. Once again, Makiki District Park came to life through the efforts of community partners Friends of the Makiki Community Library, Hui o Makiki, the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and the City & County of Honolulu with a 2-day festival celebrating Makiki.

Also in this month's issue, please take the time to see how your neighbors responded to this year's Legislative Survey. From funding priorities to fire-works, the Makiki community once again provided interesting insights on these issues. Thank you to all residents who participated - I truly appreciate the input and feedback provided by all who contact my office.

Sincerely,

Della Au Belatti
State Representative, District 25

Above Photo—Makiki District Park (July 25, 2009)—LR— UH-Manoa Adjunct Faculty Dennis Hwang of the UH Sea Grant College Program, Representatives Della Au Belatti and Sylvia Luke, and Senator Carol Fukunaga share a photo at the Citizen Resource Center at this year's Rediscover Makiki. To get a copy of "Tips for Preparing for Natural Disasters," a useful manual co-authored by Dennis and Dr. Darren Okimoto, visit http://www.soest.hawaii.edu/seagrant/communication/NaturalHazardsHandbook/updated_Handbook_web.pdf

The Shortlist

Local Grown Evening Farmers' Market @ St. Clement's Church

After a successful trial period this summer, the folks at St. Clement's Church will be testing an evening farmers' market every Thursday for the next several months. Proceeds from the market will benefit St. Clement's outreach services to the homeless and needy in our communities.

Conveniently located at the corner of Wilder Avenue and Makiki street, this market will feature fresh produce, delicious food plates, and other locally produced items for your enjoyment. To ensure the success of this market, your participation is needed. Please stop by and let your friends and family know about this new addition to the community!

For more information about the market, call 955-7745.

EVERY THURSDAY starting SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

**St. Clement's Church (1515 Wilder Avenue)
@ 4:30—7:30pm**

Neighborhood Board No. 10 Meetings (monthly meeting)

Participate in one of our most basic forms of local government and best opportunities for community involvement, your local neighborhood board. No. 10 (Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus) is one of 32 other local boards that meet every month to discuss neighborhood concerns and advise government. Join the community each month to share your ideas and hear what is going on in our neighborhood.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009
OCTOBER 15, 2009
NOVEMBER 19, 2009

**Crafts Building, Makiki District Park
@ 7:00—9:00pm**

Rediscover Makiki

Community celebrates urban living at the 2nd annual Rediscover Makiki



Riding the Makiki Train: This favorite ride took parents and keiki around Makiki District Park while other fun-seekers enjoyed rock climbing, bounce slides and mazes, and rides by *Heather's Inflatables*.



Mermaids in Makiki: Calling Makiki one of their home pools, Mermaids Hawaii performed at Makiki Pool. Their colorful costumes and synchronized moves to beautiful music demonstrated why they are often called upon to perform at commu-



Rediscover Makiki's Urban Arts Center: Artist Eukarezt is one of four aerosol artists showcased at the Urban Arts Center. Given the theme "Urban Living: Makiki Style," these artists painted their pieces on canvas that will be on display at the Makiki Community



Music in Makiki: Talented musician Mailani Makainai poses with Rep. Della Au Belatti after performing songs from her recently released self-titled solo album *Mailani*.

On July 24-25, 2009, Friends of the Makiki Community Library, Hui o Makiki, the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and the City & County of Honolulu welcomed thousands of neighbors and friends to the second Rediscover Makiki: Sunset in the Park celebration at Makiki District Park.

Countless volunteers helped to transform the Park into an outdoor movie theater, food court, and keiki fun area for this two-day event.

Highlights of this year's festival included local entertainment, keiki rides and games, synchronized swimming, food booths, the Makiki Community Library's Used Book

Sale, Hui o Makiki's Citizen Resource Center, the Makiki Crafter's Marketplace, and Movies in the Park. With the stars shining above, Makiki residents were treated to *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa* and *Iron Man*.

Also new to this year's Rediscover Makiki was the Urban Arts Center,



Keiki Activities Center: Led by Nicole Guiles and a team of volunteers, free games and activities were a highlight at this year's Sunset in the Park. Keiki could fish for prizes, run through an obstacle course, get their face painted, and learn all about the *Hawaii Nature Center* and the *Hawaii Coral Reef Initiative*.



All Smiles!: (L-R) Rediscover Makiki supporters City Managing Director Kirk Caldwell, Mayor Mufi Hannemann, and State Representatives Della Au Belatti and Karl Rhoads share a smile for the camera before the start of *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa*.



Makiki Food Court: For two days, Makiki District Park was home to thirteen local food vendors. Tantalized by the smells from this food court, crowds were faced with many choices from acai bowls, paste stew, North Shore Cattle Co. hamburgers, gourmet plate lunches, Hawaiian roasted corn, shave ice, hot dogs, ice cream sandwiches & more.



Planning Committee Celebrates: After many months of planning, Rediscover Makiki committee members (L-R) Marcia Kemble, Norma Koenig, Jeanette Koga-Horen, Sherry Mathews, and Wendy Maxwell pose for the camera with the \$6,000 check donation presented by the City & County of Honolulu and the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

a celebration of the art, music, dance and spoken word of urban artists in our community.

Rediscover Makiki would not have been possible without the support of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, the City & County of Honolulu, Mayor Mufi Hannemann, State Representatives Della Au Belatti

and Karl Rhoads, State Senator Carol Fukunaga, and United States Congressman Neil Abercrombie.

Finally, generous contributions came from many including HMSA Foundation, Island Insurance Foundation, R.M. Towill Corporation, 808 Urban, Airspace Workshop, and GP Roadway Solutions.

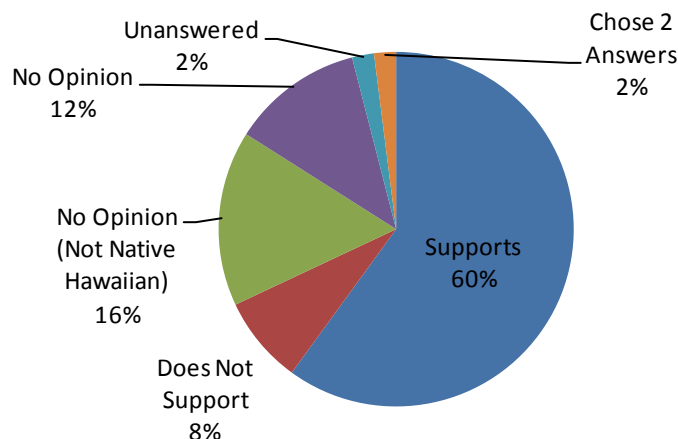
Planning committee members will decide whether there is enough interest for Rediscover Makiki 2010. If you would like to see this event brought to our community in 2010 and be a part of the organizing efforts, please contact Norma K. Koenig at 946-3291 or Rep. Della Au Belatti at 586-9425 by September 30, 2009.

2009 Community Survey Results

Mahalo to the fifty respondents who returned surveys to my office with their ideas and input on the four questions posed in this year's survey. Community surveys were distributed with the January, February, and March 2009 editions of *District 25 News*.

STATE ECONOMIC PRIORITIES: Presented with a list of 13 spending priorities from funding schools to maintaining and improving roads, highways, airports and harbors, Makiki residents were given the opportunity to rank their top priorities. Priorities that received the most votes and the most #1 rankings included (1) ensuring energy self-sufficiency and sustainability; (2) maintaining funding to ensure accessible basic healthcare for all; and (3) maintaining funding for K-12 education programs. Other areas ranked included maintaining funding for state social programs and community services, improving transportation infrastructure, and improving government operations and efficiency.

MORATORIUM ON SALE/TRANSFER OF CEDED LANDS



In light of *State v. OHA* pending before the U.S. Supreme Court in early 2009 and the Akaka Bill, respondents were asked whether they supported a moratorium on the sale or transfer of ceded lands. A majority of respondents (60%) supported a moratorium. On March 30, 2009, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the Hawaii Supreme Court decision that prevented the sale of ceded lands. On July 13, 2009, Act 176 was signed into law requiring 2/3 majority vote of the Legislature to adopt a concurrent resolution to sell or transfer ceded lands.

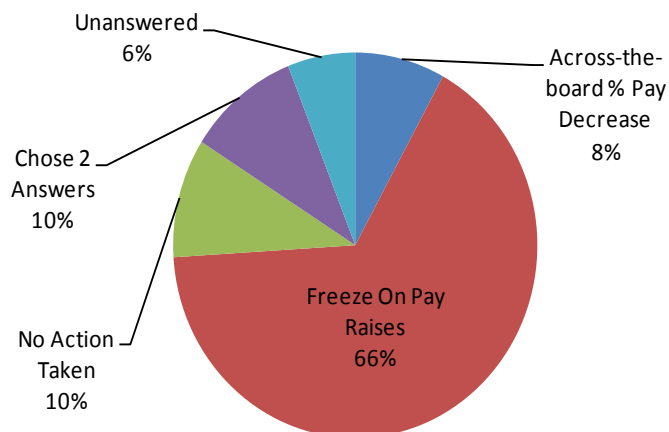
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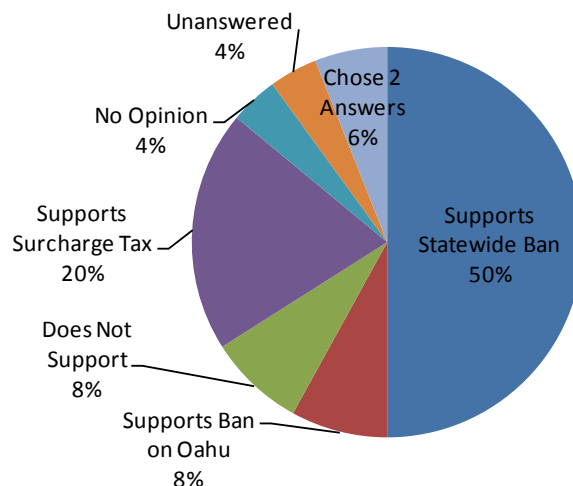
An electronic copy may be downloaded from the Representative's House Majority web page at http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hsemaj/belatti_della.html. E-newsletters are posted after the paper version is mailed.

THE STATE COMMISSION ON SALARIES



Since 2007, pay raises enacted by the State Commission on Salaries have resulted in increased pay for executive members of state government, including the Governor, agency directors, judges, and state legislators. Given the poor economy and declining state revenues, respondents were asked whether pay cuts, pay freezes, or no action be taken with regard to executive, judicial and legislative salaries. Sixty-six percent of respondents preferred pay freezes over pay cuts or no action.

CONSUMER (PERSONAL) FIRECRACK-



"Popping firecrackers" are a long-held custom among many of Hawaii's families. However, illegal fireworks and related safety and noise concerns have become annual topics of conversation. When asked whether they support a ban on fireworks, fifty percent of respondents supported a statewide ban, while 8% supported a ban on fireworks on the island of Oahu, 8% did not support any ban, and 20% supported a tax.